Quotes on Integrity

It is your character, and your character alone, that will make your life happy or unhappy. That is all that really passes for destiny. And you choose it. No one else can give it to you or deny it to you. No rival can steal it from you. And no friend can give it to you. Others can encourage you to make the right choices or discourage you. But you choose.

– Introduction in *Character is Destiny*

I never had a policy; I have just tried to do my very best each and every day.

~Abraham Lincoln

Wisdom is knowing what to do next; virtue is doing it.

~David Star Jordan, *The Philosophy of Despair*

*non satis scire = to know is not enough, one must also act*

*~Hampshire College motto*

Your life may be the only Bible some people read.  ~Author Unknown

**The measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew he never would be found out.  ~Thomas Babington Macaulay**

To thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man.  ~William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*

You do not wake up one morning a bad person.  It happens by a thousand tiny surrenders of self-respect to self-interest.  ~Robert Brault

My goal in life is to be as good of a person my dog already thinks I am.  ~Anonymous

Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip.

~Will Rogers

The reputation of a thousand years may be determined by the conduct of one hour.  ~Japanese Proverb

**I would rather be right than President.**

**~Henry Clay, speech, 1850**

To speak ill of others is a dishonest way of praising ourselves.  ~Will Durant

Don't bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors.  Try to be better than yourself.

~William Faulkner

The time is always right to do what is right.  ~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.  
Henry David Thoreau

Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.  
Harriet Tubman

Carpe diem!

ad astra per aspera

dum spiro, spero

ars longa, vita brevis

bis vivit qui bene vivit

esse quam videri

festina lente

fortes fortuna iuvat

rara avis

tempus fugit

vincit qui se vincit

If the wind will not serve,  
take to the oars.  
Destitutus ventis, remos adhibe  
Latin Proverb

“All our dreams can come true – if we have the courage to pursue them.” - Walt Disney

Be the change you wish to see in the world. – Ghandi

”I haven’t failed. I’ve just found 10,000 ways that won’t work.” - Thomas Edison

”In between goals is a thing called life, that has to be lived and enjoyed.” - Sid Caesar

**Five out of four people have trouble with fractions.**  
- Unknown

I always pass on good advice. It is the only thing to do with it. It is never of any use to oneself.  
[**Oscar Wilde**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/o/oscarwilde138394.html)